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TOPIC Volume of Soviet Zone Highway Traffic in November 1950

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1. The following information on the November 1950 volume of highway freight traffic was obtained from a report sent by the Directorate General, Motor Traffic and Roads, to the SCC Transport Division:

a. Goods carried (in metric tons).

| <u>Land</u> | <u>Tons</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Brandenburg | 1,013,554 |
| Mecklenburg | 791,826 |
| Saxony-Anhalt | 1,190,961 |
| Thuringia | 1,132,087 |
| Saxony | 3,095,514 |
| Eastern Sector of Berlin | 975,957 |
| <u>DKV</u> | <u>11,133</u> |
| Total | 8,511,032 |

Of this total 355,573 tons were long-haul movements and 8,155,459 tons short-haul operations. In October 1950 a total of 8,279,775 tons were handled, of which 357,140 tons were long-haul, and 7,922,635 short-haul operations.

b. Description of bulk goods carried (in percent of total traffic).

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| | November 1950 | | October 1950 | |
|--------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | Long-Haul | Short-Haul | Long-Haul | Short-Haul |
| Coal and coke | 1.2 | 14.6 | 1.2 | 15.9 |
| Grain and flour | 1.3 | 4.5 | 1.6 | 5.4 |
| Potatoes | 5.5 | 11.8 | 10.5 | 9.3 |
| Other foodstuffs | 16.3 | 11.4 | 14 | 10.5 |
| Lumber | 3.3 | 8.3 | 3.7 | 8.1 |
| Building materials | 4.7 | 18.9 | 4.2 | 21.4 |
| Metal and steel | 9 | 3.1 | 8.5 | 3.2 |
| Other goods | 35.5 | 14.8 | 33.6 | 15.1 |
| Remainder | 23.2 | 12.6 | 22.7 | 11.1 |
| | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % |

c. Performance in ton/km:

November 1950: 183,487,014

October 1950: 177,627,135

d. Kilometers run: (in 1,000 km)

| | November 1950 | | October 1950 | |
|--------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | Long-Haul | Short-Haul | Long-Haul | Short-Haul |
| Loaded | 13,762 | 53,748 | 13,600 | 55,387 |
| Empty | 2,404 | 18,434 | 2,317 | 18,438 |
| Total | 16,166 | 72,182 | 15,917 | 73,825 |

e. Loading space used (in tons)

| | November 1950 | | October 1950 | |
|---|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | Long-Haul | Short-Haul | Long-Haul | Short-Haul |
| Coefficient of utilization of loading space) | 27,488 | 172,297 | 27,118 | 170,813 |
| utilization of) | 0.80 | 0.83 | 0.75 | 0.84 |
| loading space) | | | | |

f. Fuel consumption.

| | November 1950 | | October 1950 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | Long-Haul | Short-Haul | Long-Haul | Short-Haul |
| Total (in tons) | 4,664.2 | 18,210.1 | 4,554.3 | 18,609.7 |
| Consumption per km run (in kg) | 0.288 | 0.252 | 0.286 | 0.252 |
| Consumption per ton/km (in kg) | 0.098 | 0.134 | 0.096 | 0.143 |

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The allocation of fuel for the month of November 1950 fell far short of actual requirements. Reports received from subordinate agencies indicate that a large part of the fuel allocation for the month of December was used in November. Tires of larger dimensions continue to remain a critical item. It is above all the heavy vehicles that suffer from this bottleneck. *

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* Comment. The report furnishes a comprehensive survey of the volume of Soviet Zone road traffic. The figures show that as against October 1950 there was an increase by 2.8 percent in the number of tons carried and by 3.3 percent in the category of ton/km.

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